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Pesticide Product Registration Response to COVID Influences – Updated

Expires July 1, 2022

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office of Indiana State Chemist (OISC) saw a substantial increase in new pesticide product registration applications. The sheer volume of daily new application submissions has resulted in a lengthy backlog with registering new pesticide products.

Section 3 and Device Applications

In early 2021, OISC provided a Conditional Registration Policy for all Section 3 pesticide products and pesticide devices that submitted full new product application packages (including application form, fee, and labeling) to our office.

Section 3 and devices are not entered into our database. This means that they do not show up on national search engines (like NPIRS). Conditional registrations will remain valid until OISC can complete a full compliance review and register the products in our database. If the label requires changes to be compliant with state and federal law, OISC will contact the registrant with the required changes and a deadline. If the registrant fails to make the required revisions, the product will be considered unregistered in the state.

25(b) Applications

For registrants with currently registered 25b products, OISC will register those 25b products with applications in our present queue. A full review of the products registered in this timeframe will be completed with the 25(b) Audit of the previously registered products.

Upon initiation of the registration of the pending applications, OISC will send an email to registrants requesting an updated 25(b) Audit Excel document listing the products that were not included in the initial Audit submission. Moving products through the registration process reduces the continued delay in products entering the market in Indiana. We appreciate your assistance as we work through the pending applications.

Policy Expires July 1, 2022

The policy will be valid until July 1, 2022. Product applications for Section 3 and pesticide devices received through this date will receive conditional registration. After July 1, any new product submissions will require full registration from Indiana prior to legal sale, distribution, manufacturing, or use.

Pre-COVID Registration Timelines

As a reminder, prior to COVID a Section 3 registration took 3-6 months; Devices and 25(b) registrations took 9-12 months.

OISC encourages all product applicants to monitor our website for updates on the product application process.

Please direct all question to pestproducts@groups.purdue.edu.

Thank you,

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